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## AMENDMENT COVER SHEET

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Abdul-Ridha, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/761,489 FILED: January 16, 2001

FOR: Improved Structures Based on Ceramic Tantalum Nitride

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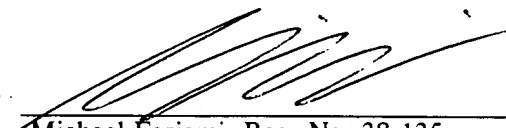
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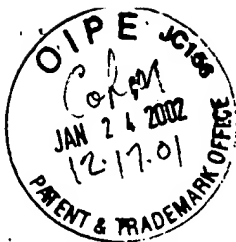
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2001 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following remarks.

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